

# Army's new Installation Access Control System makes its debut throughout Europe

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The Army in Europe has begun the registration phase for the new automated Installation Access Control System.

This phase should last until mid-September, after which individuals will be able to enter U.S. bases only with Department of Defense identification cards, IACS-produced installation passes or access rosters and sign-in procedures.

Registration has been delegated to base support battalions and area support groups, and each has its own plans for conducting the process.

However, some issues are the same for all registrants.

■ **Department of Defense identification cardholders** need two things to register:

1. A current DoD ID card. This card can be either an older ID card or the new Common Access Card.

2. A document that shows why the individual is in Europe. This document can be permanent change of station or temporary duty orders; DA Form 31 (Request and Authority for Leave); SF 50 (Notification of Personnel Action); or DA Form 3434 (Notification of Personnel Action - NAF).

Registration will consist of scanning the ID card to ensure the data on it is still correct and to ensure its readability. If IACS scanners cannot read the bar code, a new card will be required. (This may occur with the first-generation CACs, as the back of the card was not laminated.)

ID cardholders who will leave Europe before Sept. 1 are not required to register in the IACS.

■ **Local national employees, contractors or other type of installation access pass holders** will be issued new IACS-produced Installation Access Passes.

These individuals will need the following:

1. Current installation access pass (AE Form 190-13B/C).
2. Application memorandum signed by a designated sponsoring official within the individual's organization.
3. Passport or other form of personal identification (such as the German *Personalausweis*) issued by country of citizenship.
4. A copy of all required background check results.



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**In addition to encountering Bundeswehr troops when entering some U.S. posts in Europe, community members will also soon be utilizing new "smart cards" designed to increase installation security.**

Current pass holders are encouraged to contact their sponsoring organization immediately to get application memorandums and other important information on what might be needed to register.

All individuals applying for an installation pass must also register the vehicles they will use to enter U.S. installations.

The license-plate number, make, model, year, body type, color, and other details will be annotated in the application memorandum.

September 2003 will mark the end of the transition phase during which both the old and the new systems are in operation in the command. After that time, the only authorized access documents in the Army in Europe will be DoD ID cards and IACS-produced installation passes.

Access rosters and sign-in procedures will still be authorized.

*The IACS fielding plan and more information on this new system can be found on the IACS Web site at [www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/iacs/iacs.html](http://www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/iacs/iacs.html)*

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## 6th ASG personnel already receiving new 'smart cards'

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**T**he Common Access Card, a component of the soon-to-be-implemented Installations Access Control System, is now in distribution in the 6th Area Support Group.

Several members of the Stuttgart military community have already received the cards, and the "registration drive" is slated to begin in March.

The drive, which is expected to run through September, is when all identification cards will be registered into IACS. This includes the old-style ID cards that are still held by family members and retirees.

Arthur Williamson, a contract guard coordinator with the Provost Marshal's Office, said that the process registers people by scanning the ID cards; the information obtained then goes into a large database housed in Mannheim.

Each CAC has a magnetic strip, two bar codes and an integrated circuit chip. The magnetic strip will be used to gain access to controlled areas.

The bar codes and computer chip will be used to store identification, demographics and benefits information. The computer chip will also store the class-three Public Key Infrastructure certificates that allow cardholders to digitally sign documents such as e-mail, encrypt information and establish secure Internet sessions.

While family members and retirees aren't scheduled to receive new CACs, Williamson said that it is an eventual plan. "It's quite a few years away," he said.

Williamson added that family members who also hold jobs as appropriated or nonappropriated fund employees, contractors or AAFES employees would receive CACs with their civilian rank.

Williamson estimates that everyone should expect to have a CAC by October.

## Robinson Barracks fence project proceeds on schedule

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With the community's input and support, the long-awaited fence project around Stuttgart's Robinson Barracks is proceeding according to plan.

A three-phased project, the Robinson Barracks three-kilometer-long fence is due to be completed in early September.

The project, which began Oct. 22, 2002, when contractors got to work on roadway construction including two new interior access roads, has also included the repairing of the chain link portion of the fence located on Auerbachstrasse in Phase II.

Now in Phase III, the installation of the new perimeter fence line began in late January. The steel fence, which stands eight-feet tall, will include three access gates for vehicles.

In addition, several pedestrian-only access gates were added at community request.

"The project is currently ahead of schedule," said Jim Grady, 6th Area Support Group deputy director of Public Works. "As long as the weather holds up, we

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will certainly meet our original date – if not completing much earlier this summer."

Grady said that in addition to the actual construction of the fence, work will also be done on sidewalks, parking lots and a playground near the new interior access roads.

"But we want to keep the residents of RB involved in the process," Grady said, adding that before one shovel was scooped the 6th ASG command listened to the concerns of community members through meetings and town halls.

"We're still asking residents for their thoughts on the project and are always looking for ways to improve the quality of life, while ensuring the best security possible."